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1. LOWENSTEIN/MOOSE ARRIVED VIENTIANE 1815 YESTERDAY CALLED ON ME AT MY RESIDENCE AND WE HAD GOOD GENERAL DISCUSSION LAOS SCENE. DINED WITH POL/MIL OFFICER MORTON DWORKEIN LAST EVENING AND DISCUSSED PRINCIPALLY CURRENT MILITARY SITUATION AND PEOPLE IN THE EMBASSY WHOM THEY SHOULD USE.

2. LAST NIGHT I DISCUSSED WITH THEM POSSIBILITY OF GOING TO CHINA AND SUGGESTED BEFORE APPROACHING CHICOM EMBASSY THEY INFORM FORMIN OF THEIR PLANS AND AFTER OPS MEETING THIS MORNING WE CALLED ON ACTING FONMIN KHAMPHAN PANYA. THEY POINTED OUT THAT THEY HAD APPLIED SOME THREE MONTHS AGO FOR CHICOM VISA, HAD VISITED CHICOM TRAVEL AGENCY HONG KONG THIS WEEK AND HAD BEEN ADVISED TO CONTACT CHICOM EMBASSY HERE. THEY SAID THEY WERE NOT REPEAT NOT MAKING A GREAT SECRET OF THEIR PLANS BUT WOULD PREFER FOR THE MOMENT TO KEEP IT OUT OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS. KHAMPHAN TOOK NOTE, IMPLIED HE WISHED THEM LUCK AND SAID HE WAS GRATEFUL FOR INFORMATION THEY HAD SUPPLIED HIM. DISCUSSION WITH KHAMPHAN THEN DEALT PRINCIPALLY WITH CHICOM ROAD AND I LEFT THEM WITH DELEGATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR I HAD TO ATTEND WEEKLY

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BRIT, AUSSIE, FRENCH AMES MEETING.

3. LOWENSTEIN/MOOSE SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED AT
CHICOM EMBASSY AND MET WITH SUBORDINATE OFFICER
WHO SUGGESTED THEY RETURN TOMORROW. STAFFDEL
ACCOMPANYING ME SAVANNAKHET TOMORROW, RETURNING
HERESUNDAY AND WILL AT CHICOM EMBASSY
MONDAY. #STAFFDEL NOW CONFERRING WITH AUSTRALIAN
AMBASSADOR CURTIS, LOWENSTEIN HAS TENNIS MATCH
WITH KHAMPHAN PANY AND THIS EVENING THEY WILL
BE MEETING INFORMALLY WITH CAS STATION CHIEF.
SO FAR THEY HAVE SOUTH#NO REPEAT NO DOCUMENTATION.
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